



## *Town of South Windsor*

1540 SULLIVAN AVENUE • SOUTH WINDSOR, CT 06074  
TELEPHONE (860) 644-2511

March 9, 2015

To the Finance, Revenue, and Bonding Committee  
Senator John W. Fonfara  
Representative Jeffrey J. Berger

RE: SB 946: **An Act Concerning Revenue Items to Implement the Governor's Budget**

I am writing in opposition to the proposed changes to Section 29 of this bill, specifically the depletion of funds to the Community Investment Act from January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

The Town of South Windsor has been fortunate to benefit from these funds over the past years producing several important documents for the town. "Historic and Architectural Resource Survey of South Windsor, Connecticut", which has been conducted in three phases, is an invaluable tool to understanding our history and aid in the preservation of important historical structures in South Windsor.

Most recently, the Town was the recipient of a \$50,000 Vibrant Community Initiative Grant for a Preservation Study of historic Main Street. With the potential for infill development and new development in the Main Street area, the Town wishes to take steps to further protect these historic resources and landscapes. This grant goes far to support South Windsor's efforts to strengthen protection and revitalize its priceless historic neighborhood known as Main Street and East Windsor Hill. The Town and its citizens recognize the timely need for proactive planning to insure its preservation and vitality.

These funds are critical in the support of worthwhile investments in historic preservation, farmland preservation, dairy support, and open space without which our State will lose momentum protecting its irreplaceable resources.

Thank you for your consideration.

Michele R. Lipe, AICP  
Director of Planning